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EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

It has Scott to be some kinda joke

Henshall's a camp loser

THERE are many things in life puzzling me this week.

With all the rain in Britain in recent days, why hasn't the country shrunk?

What kind of God allows me to have bigger breasts than my missus? And how the hell was Toby Anstis the first to leave I'm A Celebrity?

He seemed like a perfectly nice chap. And all the people in the camp genuinely seemed to enjoy his company.

By contrast, you have a completely odious little gimp like Scott Henshall still in there. There was talk that Matt could face the axe over making dodgy hand signals during the show. I've been making the same dodgy hand signal every time Henshall appears.

He's a malevolent presence - bitchy, shrieking, not willing to go the extra centimetre, let alone the extra mile, in a challenge to improve the lot of his fellow contestants. He's the epitome of pampered selfish celebrity guaranteed to hack off all the others sooner or later.

Even Ant and Dec find him hateful. Normally they keep feelings like that close to their chests, but in the last week they've moved from making waspish comments about his lack of bottle to virtually pinning Toby Anstis down in his post-ejection interview, holding a crocodile's snapping

jaws up to his tackle and saying: "LOOK AT THIS CLIP OF SCOTT - HE'S AN ASS ISN'T HE? SAY IT! SAYYYYY IIIIIII!"

Could it be that the British voting public are changing their ways at last? Could it be that after years of keeping nice people on Reality TV shows they've realised that they make really dull viewing? And a

HERE'S a tip: Alison King will soon be one of the biggest stars on telly. She's starting in Corrie as Carla Connor but fans of Sky One's amazing Dream Team will already know that she has the kind of magnetism on telly that can drag a man in from the pub/garage/Xbox in seconds.

It's winter and it's bucketing down with frigid rain and getting darker than a Goth's eyeliner, we're all so hacked off and afflicted with that S.A.D. disorder that we want to drag others down to our level of misery and wallow in their pain.

THAT'S why we're keeping people in Reality TV shows. Just so they irk and annoy the other people on Reality TV shows. To hell with contestants that are a joy to witness and be around, we want to keep in the bad ones.

If so that means Scott Henshall could still be in the jungle next weekend.

And the MacDonald Brothers will sail through tonight's X Factor again.

THANKS to all the friends and acquaintances who took the time to get in touch at the beginning of the week telling me how much Man United were going to stuff Celtic in the Champions League. I hope you're feeling well and truly Naka'd.

OH JOE! He may have been the first to tip the Arctic Monkeys, he may have got right behind The Fratellis when others thought they were merely characters from The Goonies. But I reckon my friend and colleague Joe Mott has been hanging around with girl bands too much to appreciate genuine music. He was SOOOO wrong to diss Beth Ditto from The Gossip in Thursday's column.

Sure the NME are being a bit pseudo-trendy naming her as the Coolest Person on the Planet and she's no looker. But her band are very special indeed. And their last single Standing In The Way of Control is one of the tracks of 2006. I can only assume the lad is in that lovey-dovey stage of a relationship when your primary brain shuts down and the little backup Joe down below takes over!



BEX IS DA BOMB

INTERESTED to hear that they're making a Beckham version of Monopoly. Is Victoria going to replace the old beet?

In other news from Planet Beckham this week, David still has not signed an extension to his Real Madrid contract.

A Bernabeu board member - worried at spending £16million in wages over the next two years for someone who isn't going to get a game - has

described his presence at the club as a "ticking timebomb".

This got me thinking. Wouldn't David Beckham make a great suicide bomber?

Think about it. Nobody would ever suspect him of being a religious fundamentalist, and he's one of the few people who could wear a vest with wires coming out of it in plain sight. Police would just assume it's the latest daft designer jacket Victoria's making him wear.

Tasty payback

ASURVEY out this week by Somerfield has revealed that people would dread celebrity chefs coming over for dinner, because they are

most likely to criticise the food. Conversely I think it would be great to have them round.

You could give them tiny portions and serve them a

bottle of wine you'd bought for a fiver in Oddbins then charge them £50 for it at the end of the night and ask how THEY feel for a change.

The fag end of life

THE government is thinking of increasing the smoking age in Scotland from 16 to 18. Bearing in mind they use my countrymen as guinea pigs for all this stuff (smoking ban in pubs, poll tax etc) it won't be long before they do it across the UK.

Will it work? Does the ban on selling alcohol to under-18s prevent them drinking? Exactly. There's only one way to stop young people smoking. Get parents to tell them it's a cool thing to do. They won't want to go near it.

Latest figures being quoted say a smoker loses on average 10 years of their life.

But ask yourself: which 10 years? Is it the ones from 16 to 26, where you're out dis-

covering sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll? No.

Is it the years between 30 and 40 when you're settled with someone who loves you seeing life anew through the eyes of your children? No.

Is it the first 10, when you can ride your bike all day, watch cartoons all weekend, crap yourself whenever you want and get someone else to clean it up? No.

It's the last 10. And in the week where it was revealed that people in Chelsea now live till 84, are you really that bothered about the ones after 70?

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MUCCA: I'LL BE THE NEW FERGIE

She's selling up for a US career



ROW: Bellamy yesterday

'Craig didn't do me harm'

A GIRL allegedly attacked at a nightclub by football star Craig Bellamy admitted yesterday: "I never wanted him to be charged by police."

Waitress Holly Smith, 20, right, told Cardiff magistrates that Bellamy's behaviour towards her had been "insignificant".

But she still wanted to back up her friend Sophie Palmer, also 20, who claims Liverpool and Wales striker Bellamy grabbed her by the throat.

Holly said: "My attitude that night was: 'Why is this man allowed to get away with this just because he is a celebrity football player?'"

Bellamy, 27, of Cardiff, denies two counts of common assault. His minder, Franklin Lynch, 52, of Barry, south Wales, denies one.

The assaults are said to have happened during an exchange in Cardiff's Number 10 club in February. The trial continues.



Picture: BARRY BATCHLOR / PA

by JAMES WICKHAM

UNDER-fire Heather Mills has decided to do a Fergie and head off to America to start a new life.

The estranged wife of Sir Paul McCartney is selling up and looking for a new home in Los Angeles, where she has been offered TV work.

One friend said last night: "Heather has decided to cut her ties with Britain. Apart from her immediate family she feels she has nothing keeping her here any more."

"She is tired of being vilified for marrying the wrong person and has decided that the situation is unlikely to change, at least for the time being."

"She is selling up her home in East Sussex, which she bought after she split with Paul, and wants to start afresh."

"She is already considering a number of exciting projects and is looking forward to the future for the first time in months." Lady Mucca, 38, has been thinking of quitting Britain since her marriage to Sir Paul, 64, broke down earlier this year.

The Duchess of York, 47, started a new life there after her marriage split with Prince Andrew, 46.

Heather was finally convinced to make the move during last week's trip to the US in which she gave her first TV interview about the divorce.

Hug

According to friends, she has been overwhelmed by the reception she received in America.

She told the entertainment show Extra: "I get nothing but support. People want to come up and give me a hug."

She has also been approached by several television companies who are offering various "exciting projects".

The sale of her five-bedroom barn conversion in East Sussex also suggests she could be prepared to give way in the custody battle over her three-year-old daughter Bea.

The 18th Century property is close to Sir Paul's 950-acre Peasmarsh estate, meaning shared custody was easier to arrange.

Heather's friend added: "Her main concerns are her daughter and her charity work."

"She wants to do what is best for Bea but that does not necessarily mean she has to stay in Britain."

"Perhaps when things calm down she could have a normal life here. But at the moment that is out of the question."

"The USA seems to be offering her the best chance of happiness."

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Wild Amy gives lad an earful

AMY Winehouse got involved in a tear-up when a fan dared to upset her.

Not scared of confrontation – especially when she's been drinking, she once told me – Amy kicked off with a bloke at the bar after her gig at the Waterfront Club in Norwich. A gig-goer said: "We all saw Amy suddenly confront a young guy who had obviously said something she didn't like."



ANGRY: Feisty Amy

"All hell let loose as they had a real go at each other."

The unfortunate lad was then marched out while Amy was taken backstage where she stayed until hometime.

I've known her for years, which means she could never act up with me.

I would instruct her with a lesson of discipline.

FESTIVAL founder Michael Eavis plans to be selling Glastonbury 2007 tickets early next year.

And the 71-year-old big farm fella has already selected his dates for the famous festival weekend. A spokesman told us: "We have put forward our proposals for the 2007 festival to take place over the weekend of June 22-24."

Michael's daughter and co-organiser Emily Eavis confirmed that if the licence goes as planned then the tickets will go on sale on April 1 at 9am. I'm going... and so should all other music lovers.



A mate for Lily

LILY Allen and Chris Martin have struck up an unlikely friendship.

Chris, 29, above, will even join Lily, 21, on stage at her Monday gig for the Mencap Little Noise Acoustic sessions at the Union Chapel in London.

How long before they record together?

Take Nat

TASHA GETS A £1M HAIRDO

NATASHA Bedingfield has landed a £1million deal with a major cosmetics company.

The toothsome singer will pocket a hefty wedge of the folding stuff after signing on the dotted line with Pantene.

The hair-prettyfying company apparently feel Tasha – who celebrates her 25th birthday tomorrow – is the perfect pop star to push their products.

Indeed, a source confirmed: "They feel Tasha is the sort of celebrity with whom they want to align themselves."

A friend of Tasha's told me: "She's

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signed a deal allowing Pantene to use her song Unwritten for their global promotional campaign.

"She's done so well in America and the UK and her sound typifies purity and..." blah, blah, blah.

Tracks

I like Natasha a lot and I'm pleased she's got lots of money from this high-profile link-up.

But I have no interest in gubbins about why she's so perfect for the product. I heard a few tracks off her

new album last month and they were good – especially one called Pirate Bones, which had nice beats and beepy bits.

Despite nearly losing all of the album when an employee left a laptop on a beach, Natasha's managed to keep most of her new music under wraps.

And she postponed the release of her comeback single by four months to concentrate on breaking through in America.

Her track I Wanna Have Your Babies had been scheduled to hit UK shops on September 11. But it won't now appear until the New Year.

By which time her hair will be softer than a butterfly's bottom.

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ME

Sexy Shakira boxes clever

MOTT

I POKED fun at NME Cool Person Beth Ditto for being fat. Dom Diamond rightly points out her band The Gossip are great. He also tells me he backs G4 for Xmas No1.

SHOT

SHAKIRA shunned skimpy stuff to star in the video for her new song Illegal.

No, it's not about selling drugs or robbing cars, but it does feature the Columbian looker, 29, dressed up in a 1930s silk dress which, as our shots here show fits her form well.

Her people tell me: "It's a ballad and the video was shot in Mexico City."

"She plays a boxer's girlfriend and the man in it really is a boxer."

"We don't know why she was so insistent on the boxing theme."

She's always been pretty, but odd.



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Motors and houses powered by sweets

BRAINBOX David Penfold reckons he has solved the world's energy crisis by finding a new fuel - Cadbury's Caramel.

The scientist has devoted six years of his life to the hunt for alternative power sources - and came up with chocolate.

He has run an electric fan for 15 hours on eight Cadbury bars and claims his astonishing experiment could revolutionise power for homes, businesses and even cars.

Nibble

David, 28, mixed melted caramel bars with bacteria to create hydrogen gas - which in turn can easily be used to create electricity.

He began his project while studying for a PhD at Birmingham University and plans to pioneer mini-household generators that run on out-of-date chocolate bars.

The sweet-toothed scientist admitted that his only problem is stopping himself from breaking off to nibble on the raw material.

David said: "Chocolate is a great energy

■ by JERRY LAWTON

source with a high sugar and glucose content and it is the sweetness that we all enjoy which helps to create its power.

"You can make hydrogen using bacteria - and bacteria is at its strongest reacting with sugar and glucose.

"So I experimented with sugar-based components including nougat, spearmint, peppermint and chocolate."

David's search for a supply led him to the famous Cadbury factory in Bournville.

He said: "I needed many samples and they were more than happy to let me have plenty because it would have been dumped."

"The results were fantastic. It's on a small scale but the implications are massive."

"In science you are always looking to improve and I accomplished what I set out to do. It may seem like a waste but with global warming we must think of the future."

"I'm always eating chocolate, particularly Cadbury's Caramel, but as much as I would like to tuck in, after a few hours in the lab it doesn't appeal so much ... and it is also against Health and Safety!"

After finishing his PhD in 2004, David has pursued his dream of one day powering all cars and homes on his "choco-fuel".

Habits

He added: "I will have to alter the process to use a continuous feed into the fermenter."

"But in 10 years I'd like to see people using chocolate to provide some of their own energy needs."

"People must be open to change - we're now seeing hybrid cars on the market - but people still want to use petrol. The hardest thing is trying to change people's views and habits."

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EGGHEAD: David, inset, has a sweet way to power cars like this

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The move comes after police dealt with 61,000 incidents of domestic abuse in Greater Manchester over the past year - an increase of 7.7%.

The chambers will have doors that open outwards, bolts and a peep hole.

Killed

Arson-proof letterboxes and silent alarms linked to police have also been fitted free to victims on the high-risk register.

Two British women are killed by their present or former partners a week.

Det Insp Jayne Shackleton, Gtr Manchester's domestic abuse officer, said: "Some victims will suffer up to 35 attacks before going to the police."

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SIR LAUGHALOT: Valiant England fans keep their sense of humour during a bad day at the Gabba

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BLAST IT: Blown out Billy Cooper plays a last fanfare for England

NOW THAT IS REALLY BARMY

by PAUL MALLEY

KILLJOY Aussie police have given England fans' official trumpeter the boot.

And England's Barmy Army yesterday threatened to quit the Ashes tour in protest.

Fury erupted after Billy Cooper was kicked out of the Gabba stadium in Brisbane for playing the theme tune from Neighbours.

Security chiefs, who also threw two Aussies out for starting Mexican waves, were accused of killing the atmosphere.

Barmy Army founder Paul Burnham blamed the heavy-handed action on a dirty-tricks campaign by Australian cricket chiefs.

Support

He accused them of trying to hush up England's vocal support as they are scared it will inspire Freddie Flintoff's men to glory.

Burnham, from Sidcup, Kent, blasted: "We came over for a good time, not to be treated like kids."

Billy, who plays for the London Philharmonic Orchestra, added: "The Aussies around me were all enjoying the whole vibe."

"There was no problem before lunch - I played Jerusalem and it went down well with the Aussies when I played a few bars of Neighbours. Then I got my collar felt."

Cricket Australia's Peter Young said the crackdown was aimed at "a minority of idiots".

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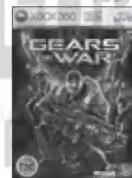
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Sheeting rain and strong winds will bear down on the country as early Christmas shoppers struggle out to the High Street.

Gales blowing in from the Atlantic were due to hit the south-west coast last night and bring heavy rain north and east across the Midlands, northern England and Wales.

And despite warmer than average tempera-

■ by NADINE LINGE

tures of 10C (50F), the Coastguard Agency has issued a severe weather warning, saying the outlook suggested "gale force eight to storm 10, perhaps even violent storm 11 later".

Storm 11 is just one level below a hurricane.

Damage

Met Office forecaster John Hammond said: "We're expecting very strong winds and severe gales affecting England and Wales.

There's scope for damage to trees and falling debris, when a lot of people will be out and about doing their Christmas shopping and going to events.

"The leaves are still on the trees after our warm weather and the wind catches the branches more easily.

"The leaves act as a sail and that can cause more damage."

The Highways Agency yesterday advised drivers to take extra care on the slippery roads.

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STORM WARNING: Much of the country will suffer



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**CHAR-LOT
IS SO HOT**

POP star Charlotte Church shows off a wet 'n' wild look as she poses for a portrait auctioned to raise funds for a children's hospital in Wales.

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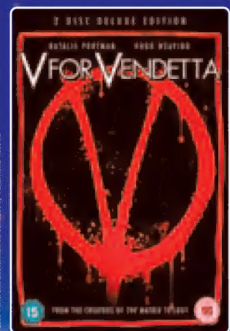
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